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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Fields, *et al.*)

Serial No. 09/171,432)

Filed: November 23, 1998)

For: ANTIGENICALLY REACTIVE)
REGIONS OF THE HEPATITIS A)
VIRUS POLYPROTEIN)

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Brumback,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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February 20, 2002

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated November 21, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

03/11/2002 NROCHA1 00000070 0917143E

01 FC:102 252.00 OP
02 FC:103 109.00 OP

IN THE CLAIMS

[Please amend the claims as follows:]

70. (Twice amended) An isolated, antigenically reactive hepatitis A virus (HAV) peptide, the antigenically reactive peptide comprising an amino acid sequence of a portion of an HAV protein selected from the group consisting of the VP3 protein of HAV corresponding to amino acids 246 to 491; the VP1 protein of HAV corresponding to amino acids 492 to 791; the P2A protein of HAV